

4567) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Chairman, I wish to state for the record my vehement opposition to this amendment.

This amendment purports to deny funds to any state that permits undocumented immigrants to obtain driver's licenses or other "comparable" identification documents and to deny funds to any state or local government that has passed a policy that limits disclosure of immigration status to federal authorities.

Withholding funds from local governments and from our frontline first responders in local level would undermine their effectiveness in a critical mission.

Local law enforcement authorities across the country have made it clear that if the federal government abrogates their responsibility and forces them to take on what is a federal obligation with regard to immigration enforcement, this will be an unfunded mandate, depleting critical resources of time and funding.

The effectiveness of local law enforcement, and our safety, depends on their being able to count on cooperation from their neighbors, regardless of their immigration status. When local authorities are perceived as immigration enforcers, immigrant communities, who may have critical information with regard to homeland security, will be very reluctant to cooperate or even speak with law enforcement.

Due to unfunded mandates and a neglect of real security needs at the local level, municipal governments and local police are already strained, and this amendment would increase that strain.

This would undermine homeland security, and the safety of immigrants themselves. In particular, victims of domestic violence would have to decide whether they are willing to risk deportation before seeking help from authorities.

This amendment would undermine security for all who reside in this country, and the safety of immigrants in particular. Immigrants who are victims of domestic violence would have to decide whether they are willing to risk deportation before seeking help and reporting abuse to authorities.

The provision withholding federal funds from states that permit undocumented immigrants to obtain driver's licenses or other "comparable" identification documents is similarly nonsensical and counterintuitive.

I would think that those who rail against the presence of the undocumented in this country would welcome the opportunity to increase safety by allowing those who are undocumented to be identified by authorities. Allowing undocumented immigrants to obtain forms of identification would make the job of law enforcement easier, and allow immigrants access to necessary basic services such as opening a bank account. All other things being equal, it would be better to have more of the people who are in this country identified and to have as many drivers as possible obtain a proper license. Both of these conditions would contribute to increased public safety.

This amendment is an attempt to blackmail local governments into following an agenda that would endanger their safety, by threatening to take away critical resources. The States that would suffer the most from passage of this amendment include my own state

of Arizona as well as Alaska, California, Colorado, Washington, DC, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin.

I find it outrageous that a member of this body would suggest withholding critical funds, from programs such as the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, Byrne grants, and many others, just to impose an extreme personal view about what local governments should be doing. This is not the time for zealots to push unfunded mandates through bills providing for the security of us all.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO JOHN DAVID REYNOLDS, III

#### HON. HAROLD E. FORD, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 25, 2004*

Mr. FORD. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge John David Reynolds, III of Memphis, Tennessee, in his dedication to service in his community. On Wednesday, June 16th, I joined John at the America's Promise to our Youth Inaugural Gala in Washington.

Founded in 1997 after the President's Summit for America's Future, America's Promise helps bring together communities to improve children's lives by making five promises. The five promises are: (1) ongoing relationships with caring adults—parents, mentors, tutors or coaches; (2) safe places with structured activities; (3) a healthy start and future; (4) marketable skills through an effective education; and (5) opportunities to serve through community service.

Given John's commitment to his peers and to community service, we owe it to him to fulfill these promises. To that end, I was pleased to join with America's Promise in making a down payment on those promises by presenting him at the gala a scholarship for post-secondary education.

He stands among his peers as a leader within their eyes and inspires them to reach within themselves to accomplish their goals. Therefore, it is appropriate to recognize his accomplishments before this body of Congress and this Nation.

John is a graduate of Kingsbury High School, where he took on many leadership roles. He was elected to student office in: FCCLA, President; BPA, Vice President; and DECA, President for the 2003–2004 school term. As an active member of all three chapters, he attended Peace Jam at Rhodes College in the Spring of 2004 and met with Nobel Peace Laureate Rigoberto Menchu Tum. During his time at Peace Jam, his FCCLA Chapter presented their own peace plans with over 20 other schools.

In BPA, John taught elementary school students computer basics and data entry skills, helping them prepare for junior high school. As a secondary project, he also helped the Memphis Food Bank with food drives and sorting food.

In DECA this John was part of an effort to collect 10,000 Pennies for Penguins in a drive for Le Bonheur Children's Hospital. The organization conducted a fashion show where they

collected \$700 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. John also participated in the creation of the "Johnville Project." This project was used to teach middle school students the importance of budgeting money, self-worth, and achieving goals.

I would also like to commend John for his accomplishments in numerous FCCLA, BPA, and DECA competitions. John placed second at FCCLA Regional and State BPA, and went to Nationals in DECA. He used each point as a stepping stone to improve upon his project, which took an entire eight months of diligent effort. In addition, he focused on creating a fitness center dedicated to improving the mental and physical health of teens.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to commend John David Reynolds for his tireless efforts to enrich the lives of the people in his community. Through his ability to confront challenges, and challenge others, he has become a leader among his peers. I commend him for his achievements and ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to him in the U.S. House of Representatives.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF KATHY MCCARTHY FOR HER YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

#### HON. MARK GREEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 25, 2004*

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, today before this house I would like to honor and recognize Kathy McCarthy for her hard work and dedication to the citizens of Wisconsin's Eighth Congressional District. After serving 14 years in both my office and that of former Congressman Toby Roth, Kathy has chosen to retire and pursue new endeavors outside of federal service.

Kathy McCarthy began her career in public service as a staff assistant and office manager with Congressman Roth. In that time she fulfilled a number of vital roles and coordinated numerous projects, including casework duties and student nominations to the United States Service Academies. During her tenure with Congressman Roth, Kathy earned the reputation of being a fierce advocate for constituents, and an indispensable member of the office.

After joining my staff in 1999, Kathy's expertise and acute understanding of casework issues proved vital in getting my office up and running. She was able to successfully assist thousands of constituents in navigating the maze of federal agencies, helping folks receive all the benefits and services they deserve.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize my friend Kathy McCarthy for her years of dedicated public service. My constituents, my staff and I are sad to see her go, but we are consoled by the fact that Kathy will soon be enjoying a long retirement with her family. From the bottom of my heart I say thank you, and wish her all the best in retirement.